

Support our Troops

Our men and women in uniform are serving overseas to keep America safe-in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world. Congressman Clay Shaw continues to receive numerous inquiries from Floridians about what's happening in the War on Terror, and how they can show their support for our troops and their families.

Visit www.defendamerica.mil

This website, operated by the Department of Defense, provides information about our Armed Forces, and the latest news about what our troops are doing to protect us in the War on Terror.

On this website, you will also find links to numerous organizations that sponsor programs to support our troops and their families by clicking "Support Our Troops." While the Department of Defense does not endorse any specific organization, our troops appreciate the outpouring of support they receive from patriotic citizens.

"Our troops are serving with courage to protect our families. I am honored to support our military in Congress. Please contact me if you would like more information about how to support our troops."

— Congressman Clay Shaw



Looking ahead to 2005

A Report from Congressman Clay Shaw

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A message from Congressman Clay Shaw



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Dear Friend,

As we wrap up 2004 and head into 2005, I want to take this opportunity to look ahead to some of the important work we have ahead of us.

The past years have seen notable success in Congress:

- * Welfare has been reformed.
- * A prescription drug benefit has been added to Medicare.
- * Taxes have been reduced four times, growing the economy and creating jobs.
- * Our military has been restored to its rightful place atop our national agenda.
- * Historic education reform was passed to hold schools accountable and improve student performance.

The 109th session of Congress presents us with great opportunities, as well as tough challenges. Among the issues we have to tackle are: the future of Social Security, reforming an overcomplicated tax code, and protecting our families from the ever-present threat of terrorism.

With your support, we will continue to build on the successes of past years.

Sincerely,

Clay Shaw
Member of Congress

P.S. We are all grateful for the courage and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. On the back of this newsletter is information on how to get the latest news about what our troops are doing to protect our families and freedom, and how you can show your support.

Goals for the 109th Congress in 2005

Keep the Economy Growing

Historic tax relief passed by Congress and signed by President Bush helped get our economy growing and created jobs. Making the tax cuts permanent and simplifying the tax code will be high priorities this year.

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Our men and women continue to bravely fight in the War on Terror—in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. Congress will keep working to ensure our troops have the resources they need to win.

Make Healthcare More Affordable

The rising cost of healthcare is an increasing burden on families, businesses and senior citizens. Congress will continue to work to control healthcare costs and strengthen Medicare.

Improve Education

Congress remains dedicated to continuing the course of the education reforms provided by No Child Left Behind—increased accountability, more parental involvement, and a highly qualified teacher in every classroom.

Keep the Homeland Secure

To protect our South Florida families from the threat of terrorism, Congress is keeping the focus on strengthening Homeland Security and reforming our intelligence services.

Strengthen and Protect Social Security

President Bush has said strengthening Social Security will be a top priority of his Administration in 2005. As a senior member of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I am committed to strengthening and protecting Social Security.

I will fight for a plan to ensure Social Security meets the needs of today's workers while protecting current benefits—and does not touch one dime of the Social Security Trust Fund, does not cut any benefits for current retirees, does not privatize the program and does not raise taxes.

— Clay Shaw



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